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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT
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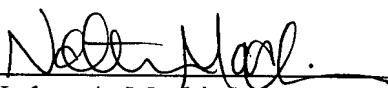
Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed January 8, 2001, Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO:3, with traverse. Claim 1 is readable on the elected species. Applicants respectfully traverse the assertion that Claim 1 is not generic. Claim 1 encompasses more than one species of isolated nucleic acid, therefore it is a generic claim.

No fee beyond the extension fee is believed to be due with this response. However, if it is determined that fees are due, please charge them to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-087-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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